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An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Littering on Public Lands

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2264-B, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 651, §21, is further amended to read:

5. License suspension. Surrender the person's motor vehicle operator's license for a period not exceeding 30 days and the person's ~~hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for a period of up to one year if the violation occurred in a state-owned wildlife management area as designated in Title 12, section 12708 or a wildlife sanctuary as designated in Title 12, section 12706.~~ The court may suspend an operator's license for any violation of section 2264-A that involves the use of a motor vehicle.

Sec. 2. Review and evaluation of the litter control laws. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety shall review the State's litter control laws regarding the dumping of waste material or unwanted objects on public and private property without the permission of the landowner, including, but not limited to, the history of those litter control laws, the effectiveness of those laws in preventing such dumping and the prosecutorial statistics for those responsible for such dumping. The committee shall determine changes needed to the litter control laws, in particular the penalty structure, to reduce the occurrence of people dumping waste material or unwanted objects on public and private property without the permission of the landowner, which has become more frequent, resulting in significant disposal costs for landowners and driving private landowners to post their property. The committee shall also seek to increase the rates of successful prosecution of those responsible for such dumping. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding this matter.

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